

Suggested Readings and Resources

BOOKS

History & Politics:

The Best of What We Are by John Brentlinger
Blood of Brothers: Life and War in Nicaragua by Stephen Kinzer and Merilee S. Grindle
Born in Blood and Fire: A Concise History of Latin America by John Charles Chasteen
The Country Under My Skin: A Memoir of Love and War by Gioconda Belli
The Death of Ben Linder by Joan Kruckewitt
In Focus Nicaragua: A Guide to the People, Politics and Culture by Hazel Plunkett
The Jaguar Smile: A Nicaraguan Journey by Salman Rushdie
Life is Hard: Machismo, Danger, and the Intimacy of Power in Nicaragua by Roger N. Lancaster
Nicaragua: A Decade of Revolution by L. Dematteis
Nicaragua: The Land of Sandino by T.W. Walker
Nicaragua: Living in the Shadow of the Eagle by Thomas Walker
Open Veins of Latin America by Eduardo Galeano
Sandinista: Carlos Fonseca and the Nicaraguan Revolution by Matilde Zimmerman
The Sandinistas Speak: Speeches and Writings of Nicaragua's Leaders by Tomás Borge, et al.
Sandino's Daughters: Testimonies of Nicaraguan Women in Struggle by Margaret Randall
Turning the Tide: U.S. Intervention in Central America and the Struggle for Peace by Noam Chomsky
A Twilight Struggle: American Struggle and Nicaragua by R. Kagan
Unfinished Revolution: Daniel Ortega and Nicaragua's Struggle for Liberation by Kenneth E. Morris
Where is Nicaragua? by Peter Davis

Social Justice/Spirituality:

Globalization, Spirituality, and Justice: Navigating the Path to Peace by Daniel Groody
The Gospels of Solentiname, 4 volumes by Ernesto Cardenal (a record of his communal bible studies in the Base Community of Solentiname, Nicaragua during the 1970's revolutionary struggle)
Just Sustainabilities: Development in an Unequal World by Julian Agyeman
Stubborn Hope: Religion, Politics, and Revolution in Central America by Phillip Berryman
Toxic Charity: How Churches & Charities Hurt Those They Help (And How to Reverse It) by Robert Lupton (note: this book is written from a Christian perspective, but the information and insights are also applicable in and useful to non faith-based contexts)
Unexpected News: Reading the Bible with Third World Eyes by Robert McAfee Brown

MOVIES

Under Fire- a historical fiction of the Nicaraguan Revolution
Romero - (about El Salvador, but gives a good sense of the Central American context at the time of the Nicaraguan Revolution)
Salvador- (about El Salvador, but gives a good sense of the Central American context at the time of the Nicaraguan Revolution)
Walker- a historical fiction done in Woody Allen style, over-drama about the man from the U.S. who declared himself President of Nicaragua in the 1860s, resulting in the first U.S. Marine invasion of that country

WEBSITES

Alliance for Global Justice: <http://afgj.org>
Center for Economic and Policy Research: <http://www.cepr.net>
Human Rights Watch- Nicaragua: <http://www.hrw.org/americas/nicaragua>
Marin Interfaith Taskforce on the Americas: <http://www.mitfamericas.org>
North American Congress on Latin America: <https://nacla.org>
Nations Online: <http://www.nationsonline.org>
The Nicaragua Network: <http://www.nicanet.org>
Upside Down World: <http://upsidedownworld.org/main>
U.S. State Department -Human Rights Practices in Nicaragua: <http://www.state.gov/j/drl/rls/hrrpt/2010/wha/154513.htm>